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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WASHINGTON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH FIRST, 1880.

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SELECTMENS' REPORT.

Town of Washington in account with the Selectmen of said Town.

			Dr.
To cash received	of	Treasurer of 1878	$ 200 00
"	"	amount of State, County, Town and School Taxes 1879	3,495 48
"	"	Non-resident highway Tax,	232 11
"	"	from County	43 10
"	"	Savings Bank Tax	433 04
"	"	Literary Fund,	58 09
"	"	Dog Tax,	55 00
"	"	Interest on Taxes,	18 64
"	"	School House Taxes,	54 20
"	"	Rent of Town House,	2 50
"	"	John Smith, Sexton,	7
"	"	of the Town of Henniker,	6 01
"	"	Samuel Davis, Sexton,	3 00
"	"	for License on Bowling Alley,	9 50
"	"	of Treasurer of 1876–77–78,	445 57
"	"	of H. M. Bowman, Sexton,	6 00
		Total,	$5,062 99

CASH PAID.

		Cr.
By Cash paid	School Districts,	$ 871 03
"	State Tax,	844 00
"	County Tax,	864 29
"	Mrs. Julia Brockway, Librarian,	6 75
"	Mrs. Geo. F. Fowler, Library Expenses,	73 50
"	Non-resident Tax worked out,	214 61
"	Discount on Taxes,	101 83
"	Taxes abated,	31 38
"	Services of Town Officers,	328 93
"	Road Bills,	398 57
"	Pauper Expenses,	148 17
"	Miscellaneous Expenses,	587 48
"	School House Tax,	54 20
	Total,	$ 4,524 74
	Balance, $ 538 25	

ROAD BILLS.

Cash paid	Geo. W. Blanchard,	$ 3 36
"	A. R. Snell,	12 80
"	D. Y. Barnes,	6 20
"	Amos Thompson,	8 20
"	Joseph Severance,	3 25
"	J. B Emerson,	6 25
"	Alonzo Marshall,	14 79
"	S. C. Mordough,	3 90
"	J. W. Crane	10 60
"	J. C. Severance,	2 10
"	Ira A. Kinson,	2 00
"	A. R. Snell,	4 50
"	George C. Crain,	8 02
"	Greeley Putney,	3 49
"	William Farnsworth,	4 49
"	S. C. Mordough,	1 50

ROAD BILLS.

Cash paid	Amos Thompson,	2 70
"	Jonathan Severance,	5 35
"	F. P. Fletcher,	1 25
"	George E. Woodward,	4 30
"	George M. Wright,	4 90
"	Greeley Putney,	4 07
"	Samuel Fletcher,	2 09
"	J. B. Emerson,	4 00
"	Horace McAdams,	5 43
"	John O. Metcalf,	6 22
"	J. F. Bailey,	7 45
"	Nathan Corey,	11 00
"	E. H. Carr, (GUARDIAN C. PORTER,)	4 00
"	B. D. Cram,	7 34
"	Edward W Brooks,	5 63
"	J. W, Crane,	2 70
"	Ira A. Kinson,	50
"	J. F. Farnsworth,	12 65
"	H. M. Bowman,	8 00
"	George D. Reed,	3 10
"	Albert O. Codman,	9 73
"	E. W. Severance,	5 22
"	George S. Jefts,	13 74
"	Freeman B. Jefts,	13 24
"	J. F. Farnsworth,	91
"	C. E. Craige,	3 12
"	Hosea W. Dodge,	3 12
"	J. H. Hoyt, for Lumber,	1 86
"	William Farnsworth, for Plank,	2 00
"	Mason H. Carr, for Lumber,	14 16
"	Daniel S. Millet,	2 38
"	George C. Friend, for Lumber,	17 34
"	Andrew J. Cutting,	2 65
"	D. Y. Barnes	2 00
"	George W. Gage, for Lumber	23 60

ROAD BILLS.

Cash paid	J. B. Emerson,	25 00
"	Hiram I. Hoyt	6 00
"	Chas. A. French,	3 00
"	George C. Crain,	3 62
"	George D. Reed,	4 00
"	John Wood,	20 89
"	John L. Butterfield,	19 89
"	B. F. Muzzey,	1 05
"	J. H. Hoyt, for Lumber,	1 92
	Total,	$398 57

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid A. P. Howe, for School Books,	$3 75
Expense of Team delivering Invoice Blanks,	2 00
E. A. Lull, Printing Town Reports,	16 00
L. A. Mellen, for Guide Boards,	3 00
M. H. Woods, Board Bill,	30 75
M. H. Woods, Bounty Bill,	7 50
J. Frank Monroe, Road damage,	25 00
Expense of Team to East Washington, Road hearing,	1 00
George D. Trow, Damage on Road,	25 00
Expense to Newport, Woods, Gage and Team, on Monroe case,	3 25
B. W. Sanborn & Co Record Book,	3 12
B. W. Sanborn & Co. Stationery,	4 72
Expense to Newport, to pay County Tax,	2 75
Mosler, Bahmann & Co. Safe,	251 00
Geo. F. Fowler, Freight on Safe,	4 95
Expense to pay State Tax,	3 50
S. F. Farrar, over Tax,	1 30
J. A. Cline & Co. Maps,	45 00
Expense to Newport, on Monroe Case,	1 75
T. N Goodale, Surveying,	7 25

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid for Printing Blanks,	1 45
Expense to Newport on Farnsworth Road,	1 25
H. J. Gage, Powder &c.	3 52
Expense to Newport, on Farnsworth Road,	3 00
Damage to Sheep by dogs,	9 00
J. F. Bailey, Printing Notices,	85
Expense to Newport, on Monroe case,	1 50
Charles French, for Gravel Pit,	8 00
Hiram I. Hoyt, for Gravel Pit,	15 00
Amasa Fairbanks, for Watering Trough,	3 00
Levi M. Barton, Counsel in Monroe case,	16 00
Expense of M. H. Woods, to Henniker,	2 50
S. W. Hurd, Insurance on Town House,	16 00
N. A. & E. A. Lull, Powder &c.	3 83
Expense to Newport,	2 75
Postage,	2 64
M. H. Woods, Board Bill,	24 60
Total,	$587 43

PAUPER EXPENSES.

Cash paid for the support of Mrs. Emery W. Grandy,	$44 64
" " " Lucinda M. Powers,	83 50
" " " Hannah Hurd,	6 03
" " " Cyrus Mc Adams,	14 00
Total,	$148 17

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Cash paid M. H. Woods, Selectman,	$82 25
" H. J. Gage, Selectman,	66 75
" H. P. Proctor, Selectman,	56 00
" E. A. Lull, Town Clerk,	22 05
" N. A, Lull, Town Clerk,	5 83

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Cash paid Judson Wilkins, Treasurer,	20 00
" Judson Wilkins, Collector,	36 05
" J. F. Bailey, S. S. Committee,	40 00
Total,	$323 93

RECAPITULATION.

Selectmen,		Dr.
To Amount received,		$5,062 99
	Cr.	
By Amount paid in Orders,		4,524 74
Deducted from Amount received, leaves		$538 25
Claims against the Town—		
Note to School District No. 1	$275 60	
School Fund,	527 50	
Total,	$803 10	
Assets—		
Erastus Wilson's Note,	$423 00	
Cash in Treasury, and Collector's hands	538 25	
Due from Henry Train, Tax 1875,	9 51	
" Judson Wilkins, Tax 1876–77–78	19 14	
One Safe,	251 00	
Total,		$1,419 90
Claims deducted,		803 10
Balance in favor of the Town, March 1st, 1880,		$616 80

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. H. Woods,
H. J. Gage,
H. P. Proctor,
} Selectmen of Washington.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

February 21, 1880.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Selectmen for the past year, have attended to that duty, and found their accounts correctly cast and well vouched.

GARDNER MILLEN,
S. W. HURD,
J. K. P. FRIEND, } Auditors.

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Committee offer the following Report, viz:

	Dr
To Library,	$13 29
" Interest on fund,	118 00
" Money received from Town,	80 25
" Fines collected,	1 05
" Money in hands of Librarian March 1, 1879,	2 49
Total,	$215 08
	Cr.
By Cash paid Estes & Lauriat, and others,	$119 46
" " E. A. Lull, for printing,	4 00
" " Rent of Building, one year,	25 00
" " Librarian for services from March 1, 1879, to May 1, 1879,	6 75
" " Librarian for services from May 1, 1879, to May 1, 1880,	26 00
" " for one cord wood fitted for stove,	3 00
" " Incidentals,	1 37
" " Insurance on Books,	16 00
Cash in hands of Librarian,	2 17
" " for services of Committee,	3 00
Total,	$206 75

Balance on hand, ...$8 33

Number of Books added to Library this year, ... 104
Number of Books now in Library, ... 1402

MRS. GEORGE F. FOWLER,
MRS. S. G. EATON,
MRS. JULIA BROCKWAY, } Library Committee.

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the citizens of Washington:

In compliance with the law, the following annual report is respectfully submitted:

As a whole, the schools have been prosperous to a good degree. There has been no failure on the part of teachers—except in one instance of ill-health—to complete their school in a very creditable manner. Every teacher, but two, came to his or her school with more or less experience in teaching. Some of them rank high in the profession.

Notwithstanding all the success there has been, there is yet room for great improvement, which can only be attained by more thorough qualifications on the part of many of the teachers.

It is not ENOUGH to be able to KEEP a small school of small scholars, thereby acquiring the title of "School Ma'am"; but their ambition SHOULD prompt them to surmount every obstacle, and be able to DEMONSTRATE CLEARLY every proposition in the course of study pursued.

Let me caution all young teachers not to plead that "it is a small school of small scholars" as any just reason why their services are requisite. Such schools NEED the best of instruction.

To Prudential Committees, I would say, make inquiry before engaging your teacher: Don't hire the first one that applies, because

it will save you a little trouble; Be, at least, as particular as you would in hiring a carpenter, joiner or any other laborer. More is at stake.

To Parents I would advise that all jealousies be dropped and give the teacher a fair opportunity to conduct the school. More trouble is brewed by outside talk and ignorant criticism, and this too, before the children, than from all other sources.

It is greatly to be desired that each district be furnished with a suitable Terrestrial Globe, also a Webster's Dictionary competent for school purposes. No farmer or mechanic can do his work to the best advantage, unless he have the right tools: —

So a teacher should have every facility for illustrating the principles of science in the several branches taught.

The map of N. H. has been put into every district but one the past season—a map more extensive and perfect than any before, of N. H. ever published. The school houses are in a passible condition. Nos. 2, 4, 8 & 9 having received some repairs to the credit of their people. The citizens in No. 1 wou'd do themselves much justice by RAZING their old house and RAISING a new one.

Citizens, let us guard well the common School, for it is the groundwork of all our hopes.

REPORT BY DISTRICTS.

District No. 1.

Hiram C. Young, Prudential Committee. The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Vina A. Dole. In Miss Dole we find ALL the requisite qualifications happily combined to make a model teacher of the first order. Her system of government is without fault —mild when mildness will accomplish her ends — persistent, even to the use of the rod, if necessary.

She is too nervous and sensitive ever to submit to disorder. In her method of instruction, she is practical and thorough—never jumping at conclusions which figures will not demonstrate.

Her course of study and long experience in teaching fit her for our highest grades of schools.

District No. 2.

G. C. Crain, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Ella N. Proctor. Miss Proctor conducted this school with ease, and profit, looking to the moral as well as intellectual training of the scholars. Order was good, and progress satisfactory.

Winter term commenced by Miss Proctor; but owing to ill-health she quit the school at the end of the third week, and Miss Louise L. Eaton finished the term, teaching five weeks. Perhaps few teachers would give entire satisfaction here. I believe that either of the above teachers was amply qualified to impart all necessary instruction. Good order was maintained and fair progress was made in all of the classes.

District No. 3.

J. F. Farnsworth, Prudential Committee. The summer term taught by Mrs. Ella J. Farnsworth. Mrs. Farnsworth is truly a successful teacher—mild in her discipline, yet always obeyed cheerfully—efficient and practicle in her instruction The scholars made admirable progress in all of their studies. There were no absences and but one instance of tardiness during the entire term.

Winter term taught by Mr J. F. Farnsworth. Mr. Farnsworth is one of those teachers who is abundantly qualified to fill the position he assumes. Discarding all fulsome praise, we desire to rank him with the first class of teachers.

District No. 4.

Charles H. Lowell, Prudential Committee. Summer and winter terms both taught by Miss Anna A. Scavey. Miss Seavey came to this school with very little experience in teaching She labored diligently and gained the good will of her scholars generally.

She has a taste for the fine arts, as the close of the summer term testified by the presence of music and a lavish adornment of the house with flowers, evergreen and chromos.

With more thorough qualifications, I think Miss Seavey will make an excellent teacher.

District No. 5.

John Mc Ilvin, Prudential Committee. Summer and Fall terms taught by Miss Jennie M. Carr. The summer term opened auspiciously, but, owing to sickness among the scholars, was cut short and abruptly closed without an examination.

The Fall term, likewise, at the beginning promised good results; and such I believe was the case concerning those scholars who remained until the close of the term

Why it is that any parent will so easily and silently take offence and keep their children out of school to their own detriment, is a conundrum. I discovered nothing in Miss Carr but the utmost kindness towards her scholars, and a quick perception of their wants and readiness to fulfill her obligations.

Winter term taught by Mr. Mark M. Hadley Mr. Hadley is too well known as an experienced and successful teacher to need any puffing by me. He is eminently practical and thorough in his method of teaching; and to know that his services have been secured in any school, is sufficient to guarantee success.

District No. 6.

Franklin Friend, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Cora E. Tandy. Miss Tandy's FORTE seemed to be in teaching the punctuation. In other branches there was a very commendable review of what the scholars have previously been over

The examination ran smoothly as marked out in the programme.

The small classes doing very well in the miscellaneous questions usually asked.

Winter term taught by Miss Annie C. Smith. Miss Smith is an accomplished lady, has rare tact for teaching, and her qualifications are above suspicion. She manifested a deep interest in her school; and by her urbane method of discipline, succeeded in gaining the good will of all her scholars, and surely MERITED the good will of all in the district. The scholars made good progress as the examination verified: And an unusual interest was shown by the numerous visitors at the close.

District No. 7.

Ellis Copeland, Prudential Committee. Summer term taught by Miss Etta J. Lowell. This was Miss Lowell's first teaching; and I confess to having had some misgivings about qualifying her for the position; but decided to do so after her complying with certain conditions. Miss Lowell succeeded beyond my most sanguine expectations. Good order prevailed, and a kindly feeling existed between teacher and scholars, and corresponding progress was the result.

Winter term taught by Miss Cora A. Spencer. Miss Spencer gave a very satisfactory examination, and conducted her school with ease. Good progress was made and good order prevailed, and the examination, at the close, was very satisfactory.

District No. 8.

Sullivan G. Spaulding, Prudential Committee. The Summer term taught by Miss Lilla Belle Howlett. This was Miss Howlett's first teaching. I was favorably impressed with her at her examination, and at both visits was more than ever convinced that my impressions were correct. The closing examination was a decided success. Good order everywhere prevailed, and marked progress in all classes was discernable. Miss H. will make a first rate teacher.

Winter term was taught by Miss Nellie E. Proctor.

Miss Proctor did not give entire satisfaction at her examination; nevertheless her school seemed to be well conducted, and general satisfaction prevailed; consequently fair progress was made.

District No. 9.

J. L. Butterfield, Prudential Committee. This district had but one term, which was taught by Miss Alma C. Hadley.

Owing to a mistake in notice of its close, it was visited one week too early—and before a general review had been completed.

But there was evidence of perseverance on the part of the teacher and scholars, and commendable progress was the result.

District No. 10.

This school was under the supervision of the Selectmen prudentially. There was but one term of school which was taught by Miss Rosie E. Proctor. This is a backward school, but Miss Proctor labored with diligence and secured corresponding results. It was no fault of the teacher that all of the scholars were not present at the close.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the Names of Pupils who have been Present every H day of a Term without being Tardy.

Dist. No. 1. Walter A Frazer, Berton E. Newman, Charl Goodwin 3, Fred S. Young 3, Arthur Hodgekiss 2, Delbert A. W er, Zoe Wheeler, Blanche M. Barney, Mabel C. Barney, Grace Eaton, Clara E. Marshall, Nellie I. Woods, Ada L. Thompson, Wilbur, Perley M. Young, Herbert L. Batchelder, Ada M M Hattie M. Young, Willie E. Newman.

Dist. No. 2. Henry A. Fowler 2, Nettie B Crain, Florence A. Fowler, Estella F. Crain

Dist. No. 3. Ida D Farnsworth, Alice L. Philbrick 2, Lillie M. Wright, Addie R. Page, Julia A. Wright, Bertha L. Wright Carlos L. Wright.

Dist. No. 4. Willie H. Safford 2, Adelle Brooks.

Dist. No. 5. Agnes L. Barney 2, Clara M. Peasley 2, Gertie J. McIlvin 2, Clarence J. McIlvin.

Dist. No. 6. Minnie L. Bailey, Freeman H. Hoyt, Henry W Adams, Ora L. Blanchard, Helen N. Adams, Ida M. Dole.

Dist. No. 7. Jennie B. Friend 2, Emma O. Copeland 2, Eldora S. Farnsworth, Gertie Friend, Gracie Friend.

Dist. No. 8. Bertie L. Crain 2, Clarence A. Kinson, Eddie S. Kinson, FRED M. MURDOUGH 2, GRACIE M. CRAIN 2, Emma A Spaulding 2, Susie E. Spaulding 2, Alfred Crain, Birdseye Proctor.

Dist. No. 9. Lizzie D. Butterfield, John C. Butterfield, MERTON G. CODMAN, BERTIE S. MANLY, Frank A. Shaw.

Dist. No. 10. Clarence G. Severance.

The names having the figure 2 or 3 annexed, are those who were not absent or tardy for a like No. of Terms.

JESSE F. BAILEY,
Superintending School Committee.